

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** June 18, 2014  
**TO:** Representative Howard  
**FROM:** Rodney Bizzell  
Fiscal Research Division  
**RE:** House Bill 1220 (First Edition)

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b> (\$ in millions)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available		
State Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
General Fund Revenues:	See Assumptions and Methodology				
General Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Department of Health and Human Services;  
Department of Public Safety

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Section 1 is effective Oct. 1, 2014; remaining sections are effective June 30, 2014.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**  
None

## BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 1220 would create a registry of patients, caregivers and neurologists for the compassionate use of hemp extract for intractable epileptic disorders. Participation in the registry would exempt neurologists, caregivers and patients from State criminal liability for the possession, use, and administration of hemp extract for the limited purpose of treatment for those suffering from intractable epilepsy.

This bill has been referred to the Finance Committee because it authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to charge a fee of up to \$50 for the issuance of the compassionate use registration card and a renewal fee of up to \$25.

## ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

No estimate if available for additional revenue generate by the fees because insufficient information is available regarding the number of individuals who will obtain a registration card

and seek renewal each year. In addition, the fee amounts set in the bill are maximums and may be higher than the actual fee amounts set by the Department. As a result, no estimate is available.

**SOURCES OF DATA:**

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None